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CURSE YOU, JEDI!

CAD BANE VS. QUINLAN VOS BATTLE ROYALE

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THE BAVANA SYSTEM.

"YOU OKAY, PAL? YOU'RE LOOKING A LITTLE..."

...NERVOUS.

ME? NERVOUS? NO, NOT AT ALL.

I'M FIT AS A F'NONC.

YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

YOU SEEM AWFULLY SWEATY FOR A MAN SUPPOSEDLY AT EASE.

AND WHO ARE YOU--

NOT VERY WARM IN HERE.

AND YOU?

YOU FEEL WARM, *KWARG?*

NOT AT ALL, *NONK.* YOU COULD EVEN SAY I FEEL PRETTY COMFORTABLE RIGHT NOW.

YEAH, OKAY. SO, I'M JUST GOING TO GO HAVE A LOOK AT THE REST OF THE BAR. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE M--

I THINK IT'S BETTER IF YOU STAY *RIGHT HERE.*

YEAH, WE'RE JUST GETTING ACQUAINTED. TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF--STARTING WITH WHERE YOU COME FROM.

OH, YOU KNOW...HERE AND THERE. ***CORUSCANT,*** MAINLY. SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON CORUSCANT.

IS THAT SO?

YEAH, I THINK YOU MIGHT BE CONFUSED. YOU SAY CORUSCANT, BUT WHAT I THINK YOU REALLY MEAN IS...

...SERENNO.

LOOK, FELLAS, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU THINK I AM, BUT I'M JUST PASSING THROUGH. I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE, SO IF YOU'LL JUST--

TOO LATE FOR THAT. ***COUNT DOOKU*** DOESN'T TOLERATE TRAITORS--BUT HE DOES PAY WELL WHEN THEY GET WHAT THEY DESERVE.

AND WHAT'S EVEN BETTER IS HE DOESN'T CARE IF A TRAITOR IS BROUGHT BACK TO HIM WARM, OR CO--

WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS!?

GRAB HIM, KWARG! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

I'VE GOT HIM! YOU STAY ALERT. I'VE GOT A FEELING WE'RE NOT--

HEY!

OW! WATCH IT!

--SPILLED MY DRINK!

--ALONE.

FFWWOOMM

VWMP

AH! MY BLASTER!

KSSHH

VWMP

I'VE GOT HIM! I'VE GOT--

--OH.

SHUNK

OH MY.

LOOK, WE--WE DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE.

YEAH, YEAH, WE WERE JUST...JUST PLAYING AROUND. WE DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY--

BOO.

AAAAHHHHHH!

YOU... YOU.

YOU'RE A JEDI.

WHAT TIPPED YOU OFF?

UM...THE LIGHTSABER?

THAT QUESTION DIDN'T NEED AN ANSWER, MAN.

YOU REALLY PICKED SOME PLANET TO LIE LOW ON. *BAVANA* IS NOTHING BUT BOUNTY HUNTERS, LOWLIFES, AND OUTRIGHT CRIMINALS.

AND IF THOSE TWO GENIUSES BACK THERE ARE ALREADY ONTO YOU...

"...THERE'S NO TELLING *WHO ELSE* IS ON YOUR TAIL."

LOOK, THE SPACEPORT'S ALL THE WAY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PLACE. LET'S SHAKE A LEG AND GET THERE BEFORE ANY MORE NEW FRIENDS FIND YOU.

HOLD ON-- *HOLD ON.*

WHO ARE YOU--WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO *DO* TO ME?

NAME'S *QUINLAN VOS*, AND I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO YOU. WELL, AT LEAST NOTHING THAT THOSE PIRATES BACK THERE WOULD HAVE DONE.

I'LL MAKE THIS SIMPLE-- I KNOW YOU'RE *GRAYGON ECKT.* YOU WORKED WITH DOOKU; YOU KNOW HIS SECRETS.

FOR WHATEVER REASON, YOU BETRAYED HIM, AND YOU'RE ON THE RUN. NOW, YOU CAN EITHER COME WITH ME AND TELL MY FRIENDS WHAT YOU KNOW, OR YOU CAN TAKE YOUR CHANCES OUT HERE IN THE WILD.

CLOCK'S TICKING, GRAYGON.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. I'LL COME. BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME THAT NOTHING BAD WILL HAPPEN TO ME IF I AGREE TO TELL YOU--

QUIET. AND DON'T MOVE...

...SOMEONE'S COMING.

WELL, WELL, WELL.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS JUST A SIMPLE RETRIEVAL JOB.

NOT MUCH EXCITEMENT, BUT A GOOD ENOUGH BOUNTY.

I NEVER CONSIDERED THE CHANCE...

...OF RUNNING INTO *AN OLD FRIEND.*

HOW *INTERESTING* THIS HAS BECOME.

YOU KNOW ME, THE LIFE OF THE PARTY.

I PREFER *KENOBI.*

YEAH, I GET THAT A LOT.

STAND ASIDE, JEDI.

CAN'T DO THAT.

TOOM

TOOM

CHOOM

CHOOM

THERE'S NO WAY I'M GIVING UP THIS INTEL, BANE--IT'S TOO VALUABLE.

INTEL? YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S AT STAKE HERE, DO YOU, JEDI?

FIGHT!

AAAHHH!

AS FOR YOU, DESERTER, YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT.

I--I STASHED IT IN THE JUNKYARD. IT'S THERE.

GOOD. NOW TAKE ME TO IT--

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU--

AAAAHHHH!

YEAH...

...STINGS, DOESN'T IT?

LOOKS LIKE YOU AND ME HAVE A LOT TO DISCUSS. BUT LET'S DO IT ON THE GO. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE--

YOU REALLY DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE THIS EASY, DID YOU, JEDI?

YOU SAID IT YOURSELF--

--YOU'RE ON *BAVANA*...

...HOME OF BOUNTY HUNTERS--

--LOWLIFES--

--AND OUTRIGHT CRIMINALS.

NOWHERE TO RUN, JEDI. GIVE US THE TRAITOR, AND MAYBE YOU HAVE A CHANCE OF GETTING OFF THIS PLANET.

WELL, I HAVE TO SAY-- IT IS NICE TO BE SO POPULAR. AND WHILE I APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER...

...I HAVE OTHER IDEAS IN MIND.

WAAAAHHHH

GET ON!

WAIT, WAIT, SLOW DOWN!

SORRY, MAN...

"...I DON'T THINK SLOWING DOWN IS AN OPTION."

CHOOM CHOOM CHOOM CHOOM

WHY IS BANE AFTER YOU? WHAT DO YOU HAVE THAT HE WANTS SO BADLY?

WELL...WHEN I LEFT DOOKU, I FIGURED I'D NEED SOME RESOURCES TO KEEP GOING. SO...I MIGHT HAVE STOLEN SOME OF HIS FAMILY'S TREASURES.

WOW. THERE'S BOLD, AND THERE'S BOLD. I ADMIRE YOUR GUTS, GRAYGON.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE IT TO BANE. YOU'VE GOT INTEL VALUABLE TO THE REPUBLIC, AND I NEED IT.

YEAH...ABOUT THAT. I DON'T HAVE THE INTEL. I KNOW A LOT OF GOOD SECRETS, BUT I MIGHT HAVE STASHED SOME OF DOOKU'S SECRET COMMUNICATIONS WITH HIS TREASURE.

YOU'RE KIDDING ME?

"MAN...THIS MISSION KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER."

"ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE--GATHER ROUND! COME ON, DON'T BE SHY!"

YOU SEE THAT THING BEHIND ME? THAT'S A *SMELTER*. IT MELTS THINGS DOWN TO NOTHING, AND IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE HOW VALUABLE A THING IS. IT GOES IN THERE AND DOESN'T COME OUT.

NOW, BESIDE ME IS DOOKU'S TREASURE.

GO ON, TAKE A *GOOD LOOK.*

I KNOW THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE AFTER, AND IF YOU WANT IT, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO MOVE FAST. ONCE I PUT IT ON THE CONVEYOR BELT HERE, YOU'LL HAVE A MATTER OF SECONDS BEFORE IT'S GONE FOREVER.

YOU WOULDN'T DARE!

OH YES...YES, I WOULD.

SO LONG, FELLAS!

HURRY!

GET IT! GET THAT TREASURE!

NO!

GREED AND STUPIDITY IS A DANGEROUS COMBO.

YES, IT IS.

UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, JEDI--

--I'M NEITHER.

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED THAT TREASURE, BANE.

CHOOM CHOOM CHOOM

TOOM TOOM TOOM

I DO, AND I'LL TAKE IT OFF ONE OF THOSE FOOLS SOON ENOUGH.

BUT I'M TAKING MY BOUNTY AS WELL.

YOU'RE A CUT ABOVE THE REST, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT. BUT YOU'RE NOT AS GOOD AS YOU THINK.

IS THAT SO? THEN WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO GET AWAY?

I'M NOT.

I'M GETTING YOU EXACTLY WHERE I WANT YOU TO BE.

NO.

VRROOOMM

WHHOOOMM

AAAAHHH!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT ACTUALLY WORKED!

OF COURSE IT WORKED! I'M A JEDI, THIS IS WHAT WE DO.

SO LONG, BANE!

BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!

"WELL, WELL--ANOTHER MISSION THAT WENT PRETTY MUCH EXACTLY AS PLANNED.

"I'LL HAVE TO LET KENOBI KNOW HOW I PULLED THIS OFF. I'M SURE HE'LL LOVE HEARING--"

WAIT. *WAIT.*

THERE'S SOMETHING... THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN *SOMETHING'S* WRONG?

IS IT BANE? DID HE PUT A DETONATOR ON THIS SHIP?

ARE WE GOING TO DIE?!

WILL YOU RELAX, GRAYGON? WE'RE NOT GOING TO DIE.

I SENSE SOMETHING. THERE'S SOMETHING ON THIS SHIP THAT'S...IT'S LIKE IT'S CALLING OUT TO ME.

IT'S OLD. AND UNIQUE. AND...

...STRONG WITH THE FORCE.

THERE'S A STORY TO THIS. I CAN *FEEL* IT. IT--

SOMEONE LOST A STUFFY! CAN I KEEP IT?

I BELIEVE IT'S TIME WE GET YOU TO SAFETY, LITTLE ONE.

RRRAAAARRRR AAARRRR!

EASY, NOW. WE'LL BE OKAY. I KNOW IT'S FRIGHTENING, BUT EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT.

MY JUNK!

OW! HEY!

YOU KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF *MY* JUNK.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. GOT IT.

HOW ABOUT THIS *JUNK* MY FRIEND GRAYGON GAVE YOU? THIS ENOUGH TO GET US TO CORUSCANT?

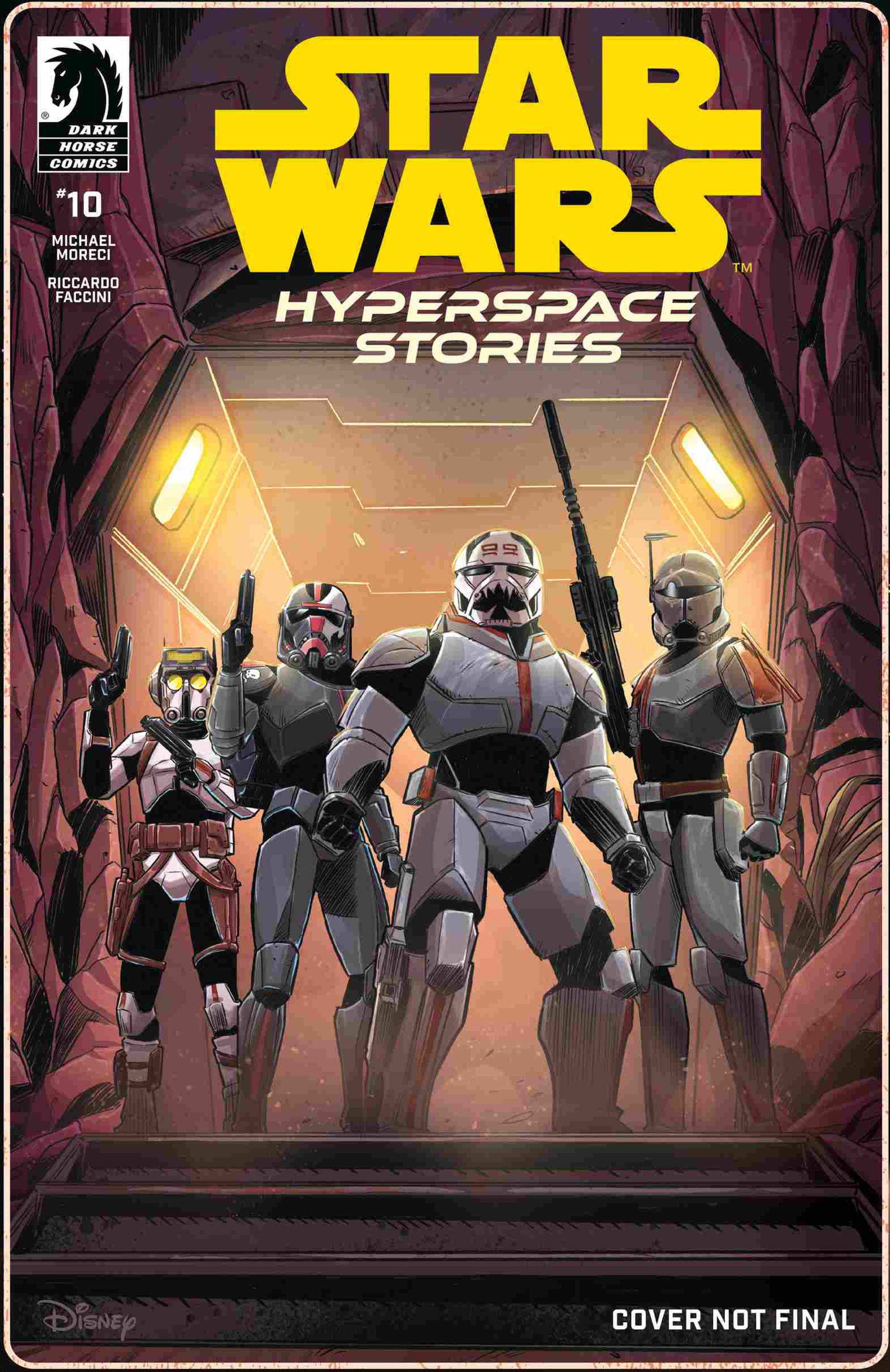
YES. VERY GOOD JUNK.

STRAIGHT TO CORUSCANT NOW.

TERRIFIC. I JUST HOPE KENOBI'S THERE...

"...HE'S GOING TO *LOVE* THIS ONE."

THE END



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